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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: BOAT CASE REFUGEES

REF: (A) STATE 183304 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 183305 (NOTAL)

1. THERE ARE NOW 451 BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG AND 23
IN MACAO FOR A TOTAL OF 474 IN OUR CONSULAR DISTRICT.

2. ALL BUT 68 THAT ARRIVED ON AUGUST 1 AND 2 HAVE UNDERGONE
PRELIMINARY SCREENING BY ICEM IN THE ABSENCE OF AN UNHCR
REP HERE. OF THOSE SCREENED BY ICEM ALL BUT 8 (WHO
HAVE TIES TO FRANCE) HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO RESETTLE
IN U.S.

3. CONOFFS HAVE INTERVIEWED LARGE NUMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL
APPLICANTS WHOSE FAMILIES MAKE UP MAJORITY (60 - 80) OF
THE BOAT CASE POPULATION HERE. CONOFF INTERVIEWS CONFIRM
DESIRE RESETTLE IN U.S. VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS.

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4. THIS IS MISLEADING TO CERTAIN EXTENT AS EXPRESSION
OF WISH RESETTLE U.S. NATURAL REACTION FOR MOST REFUGEES
WHO ARE UNAWARE OF POSSIBILITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT
ELSEWHERE. WHEN SUCH POSSIBILITIES DO OCCUR,
INTEREST IN THIRD COUNTRIES IS VERY EVIDENT.

5. RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS JULY 24 VISIT TO HONG KONG BY FRG BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENT DR. H. SCHMITT - VOCKENHAUSEN WHO TOOK PART IN FILMED INTERVIEWS OF REFUGEES FOR I-C REFUGEE DOCUMENTARY TO BE TELECAST IN FRG SEPT 28 ON ARD. INTERVIEWS STIRRED MUCH INTEREST AMONG REFUGEES WHO PROBABLY ASSUMED GERMAN INTEREST IN THEIR PLIGHT DIRECTLY RELATED TO RESETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES IN FRG, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NEVER MENTIONED OR IMPLIED DURING INTERVIEWS.

6. THIS ASSUMPTION MAY NOT BE FAR OFF THE MARK HOWEVER AS WE UNDERSTAND DR. SCHMITT - VOCKENHAUSEN HAS CLOSE INTEREST IN I-C REFUGEE PROBLEM AND WAS INVOLVED IN DETERMINATION OF PREVIOUS FRG INTAKE OF 1,000 IN 1975.

7. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHAT INFLUENCE SCHMITT HAS IN DECISIONS REGARDING REFUGEE INTAKE AS WE UNDERSTAND THIS BASICALLY A LAENDER AND NOT FEDERAL PROBLEM. NONETHELESS HIS RENEWED INTEREST IN PROBLEM MAY BE INDICATION THAT FRG WILL REJOIN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TOWARD SOLUTION. EMBASSY BONN MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.

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